AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1-16. (Canceled)

17. (Currently amended) A method for managing customer accounts in connection with a Pre-Paid platform, the method comprising:

receiving, at a proxy, a request for service from a subscriber;

determining, at the proxy, a service code associated with the requested service;

sending charge data, including the service code, to a charging module;

converting, in the charging module, the received charge data and service code into a predefined format accepted by the Pre-Paid platform;

sending the converted charge data to the Pre-Paid platform;

receiving an indication from the Pre-Paid platform as to whether the subscriber has an adequate balance to cover the requested service; and

controlling, by the proxy, whether or ~~nor~~not the requested service is provided based on the received indication.

18. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 17, wherein the converted charge data is based on a predefined charging model associated with the service code.

19. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 17, wherein the charge data includes data relating the amount of the service used.

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20. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 17, wherein the converted charge data is sent to the Pre-Paid platform using an INAP protocol.

21. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 17, wherein the converted charge data is sent to the Pre-paid platform using a CAP protocol.

22. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 17, wherein the converted charge data includes at least a B-number and a time definition.

23. (Currently Amended) A computer readable medium having stored thereon instructions which cause one or more processors to perform the steps of:

receiving, at a proxy, a request for service from a subscriber;

determining, at the proxy, a service code associated with the requested service;

sending charge data, including the service code, to a charging module;

converting, in the charging module, the received charge data and service code into a predefined format accepted by the Pre-Paid platform;

sending the converted charge data to the Pre-Paid platform;

receiving an indication from the Pre-Paid platform as to whether the subscriber has an adequate balance to cover the requested service; and

controlling, by the proxy, whether or ~~nor~~not the requested service is provided based on the received indication.